**Premises & Minor Premises**

Introduction: A premise is a statement or idea this is accepted as being true and that is used as a basis of an argument. Other premises will be make based on the first or major premise. If one's major premise is right then the minor premises may or may not be right. If one's major premise is wrong then the minor premises will be wrong. Ex. A rooster laying an egg, where do you bury the survivors.

**I) Major Premise About The Existence of God**

**A) God is not real, a myth or fabricated lie**

1. Based on rejection of the Bible.

2. Based on the theory of evolution.

**B) God is real**

1. Based on the teachings of the Bible, **Genesis 1.1**.

2. Based on the claim of inspiration of the Bible**, 2 Timothy 3.16.**

3. Based on the external evidence of a creator, **Hebrews 3.4.**

**C) Results**

1. The very reason for life, our purpose in life.

2. Whether there is a standard of moral truth or not.

**II) Minor Premise: The Bible**

**A) The Bible is not the inspired word of God**

1. At best it is irrelevant and meaningless.

2. At worse it is misleading and the cause of much anguish.

a. Misleading people as to sin, the hope of eternal life.

b. Causing wars in the name of God.

**B) The Bible is the inspired word of God, 2 Timothy 3.16**

1. If so then the Bible is to be read and studied, **2 Timothy 2.15; Ephesians 3.1-6.**

2. The Bible contains the truth, **John 17.17; Psalm 119.160**.

**III) The Bible Minor Premise & Authority**

**A) Anything not expressly forbidden in the Bible is acceptable.**

1. The Bible does not expressly forbid instrumental music.

2. Lord's Supper containing water and leaven bread.

3. Almost any activity not expressly forbidden: gambling, abortion, etc.

**B) The Bible authorizes by what it expressly teaches.**

1. Reformation teacher, Ulrich Zwingli, held to this teaching.

a. How were they to move the ark of the covenant? **Deut. 10.8; 1 Samuel 6.**

b. Who were the priest in the Law of Moses. **Exodus 40.13,2 Chron. 26.18**

c. Sabbath Day observance.

2. This applied to Lord 's Supper.

a. First day of the week.

b. Containing unleavened bread and fruit of the vine.

3. Singing, **Ephesians 5.19**

**IV) Premise About The Sufficiency of The Bible**

**A) The Bible is insufficient**

1. Need for modern day prophets, some new teaching.

2. Direct inspiration, **John 14.26; 15.26.**

3. Church traditions, the Bible does not teach sole scriptoral.

**B) The Bible is alone sufficient**

1. Everything we need to be saved, to worship God, to live is in the Bible. **2 Peter 1.3**

2. There is no need for creed books, counsels, or additions to the Bible. **Galatians 1.6**

**C) Which one will you accept.**

**Conclusion:** Each premise have results and leads to other premises. We need to make sure we are right each step of the way.